Client Assistance Program

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• MCEPD

Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Employment Education

& Resource Fair
Oct 5, 2006
9am-3pm
The State Museum
Free to the Public

SCILC

Pathways to Independence Conference for People with Disabilities Oct 19-21, 2006 Springmaid Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach

The SC Client Assistance Program (CAP) Mission

- <u>Provide information</u> and referral services regarding programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act and Title I of the American with Disabilities Act
- <u>Advocate</u> for persons with disabilities in resolving differences with Vocational Rehabilitation, Commission for the Blind, and other Independent Living Programs.
- <u>Provide outreach</u> to underserved populations of person with disabilities throughout South Carolina
- <u>Identify</u> systemic problems within service delivery area of agencies providing services under the Rehabilitation Act

Individuals with Special Needs



If you have special needs: Find out about special assistance that may be available in your community. Register with the office of emergency services or the local fire department for assistance so needed help can be provided. You can register with your local Emergency Management Division that you have a disability or special need. For a list of county number visit scemd.org or you can call their toll-free number at 1-800-811-8045 and ask for your local Emergency Management Division number.

For Emergency Preparedness view these websites

SC Emergency Management Division: www.scemd.org

American Red Cross: www.redcross.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): www.fema.gov

State of South Carolina: www.sc.gov

PREPARING FOR A DISASTER

Disasters & emergency situations can happen anytime & anywhere. When disaster strikes, you may not have much time to respond, so it is important that you & your family are prepared. A hurricane, winter storm, earthquake, flood, tornado or any other disaster could cut off utility services for days & lead to evacuations or confine your family to your home for days. By taking the time to develop a family emergency plan & assemble a family emergency kit you can help to keep your family safe & make a bad situation a little more tolerable. For a more detailed list for your kit visit scemd.org.

To prepare a family emergency kit

Store one gallon of water per person per day for a three day supply Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable, ready to eat canned food First aid kit

Non prescription drugs

Tools & Supplies

Clothing & Bedding

Any other special items for family members

Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members, keep a smaller kit in the trunk of your car, keep items in air-tight plastic bags, change water supply every six months, rotate your stored food every six months, re-evaluate your kit and family needs at least once a year, replace batteries, update clothes, etc., & ask your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications.

ELECTRONIC TOUCH SCREEN VOTING—which offers an easier way for person with disabilities to vote

Electronic Voting is nothing new to South Carolina. Voters in six counties have been using it successfully since 1986. Now, with assistance of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) & the South Carolina Election Commission, the latest electronic touch screen voting technologies is at your

Ease of Use

To vote, simply touch the ballot screen.

The systems ADA-compliant audio ballot featuring supports visually impaired voters and its portability enables curbside and wheelchair voting.

Accurate

Electronic touch screen voting system prevents you from voting for more candidates for a single office that is allowed.

The touch screen voting system allows you to review your ballot and to make changes, if desired.

Secure

South Carolina's touch screen voting system is not connected to a computer network or the internet, preventing any hacking or manipulation of your votes.

In the unlikely case of an election recount, the entire election process can be replicated, including the productions of all ballots for re-verifications.

Three independent memory location ensure no votes will be lost or altered.

Fast

Because it is easy to use, the touch screen voting system will help voters move more quickly through the ballot and through the poll lines.